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For: **DEVICE FOR FILLING A CIGARETTE
TUBE WITH A METERED AMOUNT
OF TOBACCO**

§ Atty. Dkt. No.: 247-0039US

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. In accordance with this Office's waiver of the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) to submit a copies of cited U.S. patents and/or applications for national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of U.S. patents and/or applications are not included. Copies of foreign patent documents and other non-patent art, however, are attached.

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any necessary fees from Deposit Account No. 501922, referencing matter no. 247-0039US.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered and made of record in the present case, and that the Examiner initial the appropriate spaces on the Form 1449 to evidence the same

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	A1	5105830	4/21/92	Brackmann et al.	
	A2	4832056	5/23/89	Bryant et al.	
	A3	5450861	9/19/95	Colani	
	A4	4319588	5/16/82	Evans	
	A5	5072740	12/17/91	Gatschmann et al.	
	A6	4249546	2/10/81	Heil et al.	
	A7	4572216	2/25/86	Josuttis et al.	
	A8	5088506	2/18/92	Kastner	
	A9	4771793	9/20/88	Kastner	
	A10	4411278	10/25/83	Kastner	
	A11	4913171	4/3/90	Lasko	
	A12	5666975	9/16/97	Lord	
	A13	4368741	1/18/83	Meinunger	
	A14	4167948	9/18/79	Moscovitch	
	A15	4770191	9/13/88	Moscovitch	
	A16	5398701	3/21/95	Neumann et al.	
	A17	5657768	8/19/97	Neumann et al.	
	A18	4697602	10/6/87	Pelkey	
	A19	4620551	11/4/86	Ruppert et al.	
	A20	5526825	6/18/96	Ruppert et al.	
	A21	5615692	4/1/97	Ruppert et al.	
	A22	4658837	4/21/87	Ruppert et al.	
	A23	3699975	10/24/72	Saraber	
	A24	5009237	4/23/91	Schmidt et al.	

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	A27	4180082	12/25/79	Wachter	
	A28	6557560	5/6/2003	Kastner	6/18/01
	A29	4887617	12/19/89	Ruppert et al.	
	A30	4167091	9/11/79	Ruppert et al.	
	A31	5141000	8/25/92	Ruppert et al.	
	A32	5197495	3/30/93	Ruppert et al.	
	A33	5749378	5/12/98	Ruppert et al.	
	A34	4215705	8/5/80	Marcil	
	A35	4184591	1/22/80	Geldmacher	
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Foreign Patent Documents

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	B1	3706504	9/8/88	Germany			No
	B2	2159054	6/22/72	Germany			No
	B3	2055673	5/31/72	Germany			No
	B4	1289563	9/20/72	UK			Yes
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	C1	“Roll-Your-Own Cigarette Machines & Supplies,” advertisement showing several different cigarette machines, pg. 72 (publication date and source unknown).
	C2	“A Boom in Homemade Smokes,” Wall Street Journal (page and publication date unknown).
	C3	Instructions for “Supermatic II” Cigarette Machine (source and publication date unknown).
	C4	Description of “Excel Platinum Edition” Cigarette Machine, Roll Your Own Magazine (Oct. 2001) (http://www.ryomagazine.com/october2001/injectors.htm).
	C5	Description of “The Amazing Cigarette Machine,” http://www.weirdlinks.com/cigmachine.htm (downloaded 10/30/02; original publication date unknown).
	C6	Cigarette machines advertised at “Randy’s Tobacco Shop,” http://www.thetobaccoshop.com/RYOMachIndex.htm (downloaded 10/31/02; original publication date unknown).
	C7	Cigarettes Cheaper!: The Smoker’s Newspaper (July/August 2003), Advertisement for Geronimo or Noble Injector Machine.
	C8	Copy of box for “Easy Roller” cigarette machine, manufactured by C.P. Rolling ApS, and pictures of same (admitted as prior art).
	C9	Pictures of Supermatic II cigarette rolling machine, and documentation concerning same taken from http://www.jackgee.com/parts.htm ; http://www.jackgee.com/supermatic_ii.htm ; and http://www.ryomagazine.com/july2001/injectors.htm (admitted as prior art).
	C10	Pictures of MackRoller cigarette rolling machine, and documentation concerning same taken from http://www.webbspot.com/mackroller/ and http://www.webbspot.com/mackroller/cigarette_rolling_machine_vide4.html (admitted as prior art).
	C11	Cigarettes Cheaper!: The Smoker’s Newspaper (August 2002)—“The Great Cigarettes Cheaper! Make-Your-Own Machine Contest!” a solicitation by the Applicant to the public seeking inputs for a cigarette-tube-filling machine design, and various responses received with various ideas in the late 2000 timeframe.
	C12	November 30, 2001 letter regarding a Taiwanese cigarette tube filling device and pictures of same.

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	C13	February 4, 2002 letter regarding a Taiwanese Chinese cigarette tube filing device and pictures of same.
	C14	“Burghart Develops Automatic Cigarette Maker for RYO Testing,” Tobacco Reporter April 2002, pg. 26.
	C15	Information concerning a cigarette tube filling device made by Harting (Germany), dated 9/6/1999.
	C16	Information concerning a cigarette tube filling device (La Cigaretterie) made by Cigapur International Inc. (Canada), dated 11/22/1999.
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